

**ELK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2019**

The Reorganization meeting of the Elk Township Committee was held on the above date in the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Township Clerk, Debbie Pine at 7:00 PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read.  
The Salute to the Flag and the Lord's Prayer were recited in unison.

**ELECTION RESULTS & OATH OF OFFICE**

The results of the November 6, 2018 General Election was certified by Mrs. Pine, with Mr. Ed Poisker and Mrs. Donna Nicholson being declared the winners.

Mr. Poisker was sworn in by Mr. Brian Duffield, Esq., with his wife and daughter holding the Bible.  
Mrs. Nicholson was sworn in by Carolyn Sammons, with her mother, father, daughter and son holding the Bible.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were: Mr. Hollywood, Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Poisker, Mr. Rambo, Mrs. Sammons, Mr. Considine, CFO, Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk, Lt. Steven Hughes, Mr. Duffield, Solicitor and Mr. Bitgood, Engineer

**Nomination for Mayor**

Mrs. Pine called for a Nomination for Mayor of Elk Township for the year 2019.  
A nomination was made by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Poisker nominating Mrs. Carolyn Sammons for Mayor. There were no other nominations.  
Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Poisker to close the nominations.  
Resolution 1 – 2019 was presented to committee for approval and adoption.

**R- 1-2019 – APPOINTING THE MAYOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK FOR THE YEAR 2019**

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mrs. Sammons	Yes

Mayor Sammons was sworn in as Mayor by Mr. Brian Duffield, Esq., with her husband, mother and daughters holding the Bible.

Mrs. Pine turned the meeting over to Mayor Sammons.

Mayor Sammons welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out tonight, and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mayor Sammons announced the new meeting time for Township Committee meetings will be 7:00PM.

**Nomination for Deputy Mayor**

Mayor Sammons called for a Nomination for Deputy Mayor of Elk Township for 2019.  
A nomination was made by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mr. Hollywood to nominate Mrs. Donna Nicholson for Deputy Mayor. There were no other nominations.  
Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mr. Hollywood to close the nominations.  
Resolution 2-2019 was presented to committee for approval and adoption.

**RESOLUTION R-2-2019 – APPOINTING THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK FOR THE YEAR 2019**

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mr. Hollywood to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

Mrs. Nicholson was sworn in by Mayor Carolyn Sammons, with her mother, father, daughter and son holding the Bible.

**RESOLUTION R-3-2019– ADOPTING TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK**

Motion by Mr. Poisker, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-4-2019 – AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY A TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR – BRIAN J. DUFFIELD, ESQ.**

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

Mayor Sammons welcomed Mr. Duffield back and looks forward to working with him again this year.

**RESOLUTIONS R – 5 – 2019 THROUGH R – 27 – 2019**

Mr. Duffield read the Resolution Titles for the record and explained they will be voted in one motion.

**R-5-2019 – AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY A TOWNSHIP AUDITOR – PETRONI ASSOCIATES**

**R-6-2019 – AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY A TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – FEDERICI & AKIN, P.A., CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

**R-7-2019 - AUTHORIZING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND THE MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY – DAVID STROUT, CETTEI AND CONNELL**

**R-8-2019 – AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE BY A BOND COUNSEL – PARKER-MCCAY, P.A.**

**R-9-2019 – AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY A MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR – JOHN MOUSTAKAS, ESQ.**

- R-10-2019** – AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER – REX ROLDAN, ESQ.
- R-11-2019** – ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK
- R-12-2019** – ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK
- R-13-2019** – AUTHORIZING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK
- R-14-2019** – AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUND FOR USE BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
- R-15-2019** – AUTHORIZING CHANGE FUND FOR MUNICIPAL CLERK
- R-16-2019** – AUTHORIZING CHANGE FUND FOR TAX COLLECTOR
- R-17-2019** – CONCERNING INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES
- R-18-2019** – REAPPOINTING SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CLASS II FOR THE ELK TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
- R-19-2019** – MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK
- R-20-2019** – CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR COMMITTEE PERSONS
- R-21-2019** – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC BOARD AND COMMISSION POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK
- R-22-2019** – CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC BOARD AND COMMISSION POSITIONS
- R-23-2019** – ESTABLISHING CONTACT PERSONS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE LIABILITY CONSULTATION SERVICE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES JOINT INSURANCE FUND
- R-24-2019** – APPOINTING ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND- Debora R. Pine
- R-25-2019** – AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE BY SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL-BROWN AND CONNERY, WILLIAM COOK, ESQ
- R-26-2018** – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN CONSIDINE AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT
- R-27-2019** – APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS FOR THE ELK JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Hollywood to adopt and approve **Resolutions R-5-2019** through **R-27-2019**, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Mayor Sammons stated that Elk Township has some of the best professionals and she looks forward to working with them again this year. She also stated Elk Township has the finest committee people to serve the residents and is looking forward to a great year.

She thanked Mrs. Pine, Mr. Considine, all the employees and the police department. Elk Township has the finest employees in the county and they all work hard and do a great job. Mayor Sammons thanked Mr. Poisker for the great job he has done the last 3 years as Mayor and for paving the way to a better Elk Township.

Mr. Poisker stated it comes down to surrounding yourself with good people and there are a lot of good people on committee. He feels truly blessed and honored to serve the residents of Elk Township. Elk Township is a great place to live. Committee makes some tough decisions for the residents, some people do not agree with some decisions, but the decisions they make can affect things for generations.

We need to trust our professionals, believe in our staff and listen to the residents. Mr. Poisker congratulated Mayor Sammons and Deputy Mayor Nicholson and he knows they will do an awesome job and is 100% confident they will steer the ship. He further thanked his wife, Colleen, for putting up with his running out for meetings the last several years. He also thanked his daughter Abby who was present and his son Colin who was not able to attend.

Mrs. Nicholson thanked her family for being here tonight. She is very thankful to her late husband Chuck for bringing her to this wonderful community 27 years ago. She knows she has his continued support. She thanked the voters of Elk Township for trusting Mr. Poisker and herself to serve the residents of Elk Township. Mrs. Nicholson thanked Mr. Poisker for his amazing 3 years as Mayor, he took hard problems head on with character and steadfastness. Elk Township was lucky to have him as Mayor and his tireless work is very much appreciated.

She wishes Mayor Sammons the best as Mayor. Carolyn brings an eagerness and enthusiasm to every job she tackles which amazes her. Mrs. Nicholson looks forward to working with Mayor Sammons, Township Committee, staff and professionals. Together we can make a positive impact on Elk Township. She further encourages the residents to volunteer for the various committees and commissions.

Mr. Rambo thanked Mr. Poisker for the last 3 years he has served as Mayor. Under his leadership many good things have happened in the township. He further wished Mayor Sammons and Mrs. Nicholson the best of luck.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions or comments or an issue they would like to bring to the township committee's attention to come forward, state your name and address, at this time.

Wayne Howard, 464 Union St., congratulated the Mayor and Committee. He is concerned about the trash along Union Street. He also stated he will help out in any way he can.

John Snively, 317 Bridgeton Pike, complained his trash was not picked up again. He contacted Gold Medal and it was not picked up for 3 days. Mrs. Pine requested Mr. Snively contact the township about

trash issues going forward. He has been in contact with the NJ DOT concerning the drainage issues along Bridgeton Pike since they paved the road. His contact, Amy Cunard assures him it will be corrected.

Darlema Bey, 507 Arch St., congratulated committee. She is concerned with the drainage issue on Arch St., she thinks that maybe the flood maps need to be revised. She is willing to assist and possibly go to the EPA to see if there are grant funds available for drainage issues throughout the township. Ms. Bey is also willing to work with Recreation members to put together a health fair for the residents.

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Hollywood, all were in favor, motion carried.

**PAY BILLS:**

Motion by Mr. Rambo to Pay the Bills, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, upon roll call motion was carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC  
Township Clerk